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Pushin' for less cushion

With just one month left in city's Moves for Health initiative, results are less than impressive Residents falling woefully short of reaching the goal of losing 1 million pounds Mayor calls campaign a success, says the city won't 'let up' {page 02}

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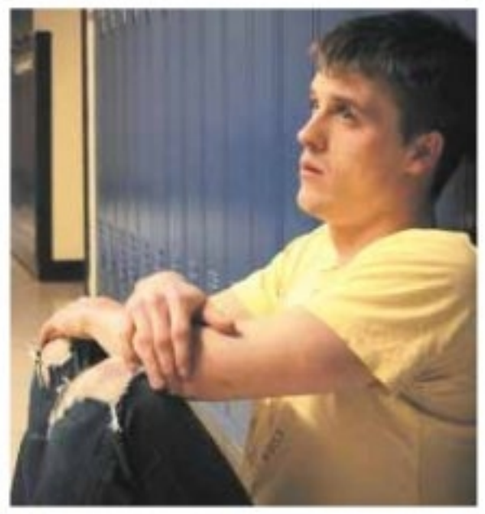

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Hub's best college basketball team looking to score upset tonight {page 19}

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In the news

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More than 47,000 students applied to Northeastern University's freshman class, the school announced yesterday. There are about 2,800 seats available in the freshman class. The applications for the fall 2013 semester represent 17 applicants for each seat.. METRO

Today's local tweet

"There are still chances of snow showers on the 10 day weather forecast. This first day of spring is just insulting. #boston."

@BECKYGIMPLE FOUND IT HARD TO CELEBRATE SPRING YESTERDAY.

In the news

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▶ Missing mirror

Cars possibly damaged by plow

BOSTON. Residents in Brighton are seeing red after several inches of white fell on the city this week.

About 20 cars parked along Commonwealth Avenue during Tuesday's storm were damaged by what residents believe was a plow, according to WBZ.

City officials said they are investigating and said anyone who believes his or her property was damaged should file a report. METRO

Shake Shack opens near BC

BOSTON. Residents and Boston College students alike can now nosh on old-fashioned fast food, because the beloved New York City burger and shake joint Shake Shack opened yesterday in Chestnut Hill.

It is the first Shake Shack in Boston, and it's located in The Street, a shopping center, which describes the eatery as "a modern-day roadside burger stand."

The restaurant serves burgers, hot dogs and frozen custard. METRO

Health officials take aim at tobacco products on 'Kick Butts Day'

BOSTON. State officials took a stand against tobacco products yesterday for "Kick Butts Day," saying that higher prices may succeed where peer pressure, public service announcements and medical research fail to thwart youth tobacco use.

Commissioner of Public Health Dr. Lauren Smith said state officials are looking to raise the cost of smoking, as well as chewing or dipping tobacco.

Proposed legislation would increase the cigarette tax by $1, raising it to $3.51 per pack. SHNS

Failing at fighting fat

- Boston Moves for Health deadline fast approaching
- Residents far from meeting collective fitness goals

▶ Residents have four weeks left to lose 919,000 pounds.

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▶ Dr. Barbara Ferrer, executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission, joined Larry Lucchino, president and CEO of the Boston Red Sox, for a quick workout during the launch of the Boston Moves for Health campaign last April.

Boston residents must collectively move 3.9 million miles and lose roughly 919,000 pounds in the next four weeks if they want to meet a health goal set by city officials one year ago.

On April 24, Mayor Thomas Menino and the Boston Health Commission launched Boston Moves for Health, a public campaign that challenged residents to lose 1 million pounds and walk 10 million miles over the course of a year.

But Boston residents have fallen significantly short of the ambitious goals. According to the campaign, residents have reported a collective weight loss of 81,287 pounds.

Furthermore, they've only moved a 6,026,914 miles.

"Obviously we fell short, especially on our goal of losing 1 million pounds," said Jose F. Masso, program director for Boston Moves. "But [residents] have done a great job so far, and we're proud of the partnerships we've made and activities we've offered."

Since launching last year, Boston Moves has put on a series of free exercise activities, including Fitness on the Plaza and YMCA classes.

But now, as Boston closes in on its deadline, it's time for a final push.

"It is without a doubt possible to see a difference in just one month if you have a consistent routine. People actually see the most results within the first month or so of working out. You can initially lose about five pounds per week [in the first month]," said Stephen Cabral, a personal fitness trainer and owner of Stephen Cabral Studio on Tremont Street. "March is always a big month for fitness because there is only about 12 weeks until summer. "That's motivation right there."

It's unclear whether the campaign will be extended beyond April, but according to Masso, the city has no intention of giving up on its fitness fight.

"We're proud of the progress, and we're committed to offering programs to keep our residents moving. We hope to keep moving forward."

Quoted

"We set some ambitious goals as a way to get Bostonians excited about being healthy. The real impact of the Boston Moves campaign comes through in the free fitness classes our partners are offering to the community, the affordable weight-loss resources for those in need, the activity competitions in schools and our efforts to make the healthy choice the easy choice."

MAYOR THOMAS MENINO ON RESIDENTS FALLING SHORT OF CITY FITNESS GOALS

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Health timeline

A glimpse back at Boston Moves for Health:

- **April 2012:** City officials launch the campaign as a call to action to fight obesity rates in the city and to improve the health and wellness of citizens.
- **June 2012:** Fitness on the Plaza, free yoga and boot-camp workouts, started at City Hall and continued through the summer.

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- **Oct 2012:** Students in 46 Boston Public Schools took the Physical Education Challenge from Oct. 15 to Nov. 9, competing for the most steps taken by students during physical education class. They moved a total of 9,628 miles.
- **Feb. 2013:** The Race to the Beach challenge was part of Moves for Health's Workplace Wellness program. Teams of five to eight city employees were encouraged to virtually walk or run the 1,715 miles from Boston to Miami.
- **Feb. 2013:** Boston Healthy Childcare Initiative battled high rates of overweight and obese kids by promoting physical activity and healthy nutrition within the city's child care programs.
- **March 2013:** The YMCA of Greater Boston offered 24 free classes — everything from boxing to Zumba, and even a class for seniors. Anyone could participate, and a Y membership was not required.

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Class not dismissed: Hoax MIT email sent by student

Some members of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology community got a rude surprise early yesterday morning when an email supposedly sent from the school's president canceling classes was instead revealed to be a hoax.

MIT said that just after 1 a.m. some students were sent an email that pretended to be from President L. Rafael Reif and appeared to be addressed to the entire community.

"The email stated that President Reif had decided to cancel classes today. The email was a hoax: Classes are not canceled, and the institute will operate as usual today," MIT said in a statement.

According to The Tech, the student newspaper, the hoax email made a connection to the Aaron Swartz situation.

"I am writing to explain an important step that MIT has decided to take relating to the Aaron Swartz situation. Since this action affects members of our community, directly or indirectly, I want you to hear about it from me," the hoax email said. "MIT has received several threatening requests in the media. Based on my initial reports, I believe it is best that we cancel classes for tomorrow."

In its statement, the school said that at 4 a.m. a vice president sent an email alerting the community of the hoax email and confirming that classes would take place as scheduled.

The Tech said the hoax email had been sent to more than 100 people.

When asked about Asparouhov's status, a school spokeswoman said internal disciplinary proceedings and decision are confidential.

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▶ So much for skipping out on that exam.

Suddenly sorry

In an online posting, Delian Asparouhov took credit for the hoax email. Within hours after sending the prank, the sophomore offered an apology on his Web page.

"Earlier today I sent out an email to most of MIT which alluded to a very controversial situation and spoofed as if it was sent from the president of MIT. This email produced fear and caused many people to be angry that someone would take such a serious matter so lightly. I'd like to apologize for the damage I caused to the MIT community, especially in light of the recent events that have caused large amounts of strife, which I only added to," Asparouhov wrote.

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Immigration. Rally

▶ Senator Jamie Eldridge, of Acton, gathered on the State House steps with immigration activists yesterday calling for support of "An Act to Restore Community Trust in Massachusetts Law Enforcement."

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Activists push for immigration proposal

Seeking a way out of a federal policy that they say mostly deports people without criminal records, activists rallied outside the State House yesterday for a bill that would allow police to not enforce immigration detainers. Last May, over the objections of Gov. Deval Patrick, the federal Department of Homeland Security launched the Secure Communities program in Massachusetts, where information on suspects that local police submit to the FBI is used to enforce federal immigration law. SHNS

Hikes on the horizon: Without state aid, MBTA chief would likely raise ride fares

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ For GM Beverly Scott, a fare hike is a better option than service cuts.

Conversations are heating up over yet another MBTA fare hike.

This week, General Manager Beverly Scott said she would rather raise the cost of riding the T than cut bus service to help close a $117 million budget gap.

Scott on Tuesday told members of the MassDOT board that while reducing bus service is the "simplest and most cost-effective" way to save money, those cuts would disproportionately affect the state's poorest residents who rely on the bus system the most.

"If we're talking one-time bridge, I will tell you in terms of final recommendation, there's going to be more leaning toward fare because of exactly that set of tensions that we have going on," she said.

Scott also told the Boston Globe that she hopes drastic measures won't be necessary and that she's "praying it's a timing and figuring-it-out issue."

Potential fare hikes could be rolled back if the T gets more state funding.

The MassDOT board last year voted to raise MBTA fares by an average of 23 percent and to cut services across the board. Those changes went into effect on July 1, and, not surprisingly, were met with criticism by riders and transit advocacy groups. Ridership, however, continues to climb.

Up in the air

Gov. Deval Patrick's proposed transportation plan would add $166 million to the MBTA's operating budget for the 2014 fiscal year if the Legislature approves it. A final budget plan will be submitted to the MassDOT board next week and must be approved by April 10.

Another partial solution would be for the MBTA to use $45 million in federal funds earmarked for maintenance on operating expenses and delay the repairs for a year.

$117M

Scott said she would rather raise the cost of riding the T than cut bus service to help close a $117 million budget gap.

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Cambridge man allegedly grabbed and groped a fellow Red Line rider

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▶ The Red Line

A Cambridge man is facing charges of indecent assault and battery for allegedly groping a woman on the MBTA last week.

Prosecutors said Bashir Shaikh, 63, allegedly rubbed a woman's thigh on the Red Line last Wednesday, and claimed he was reaching for something he had dropped. When the woman tried to exit at Downtown Crossing, Shaikh allegedly grabbed her arm and said she "seemed tired."

He allegedly followed her to the Orange Line platform, where he "groped her forcefully" before fleeing.

The victim told Transit Police that she had previously seen Shaikh on her daily commute. On Monday, undercover officers accompanied the victim on the Red Line, where she again spotted Shaikh "staring and smiling at her."

Shaihk told detectives he had mad a mistake and was taken to the hospital because he began "breathing very rapidly."

He is due back in court next month.

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Palestinian protests spring up against Obama visit

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▶ A Palestinian activist throws a shoe at a poster of President Barack Obama.

Palestinian activists set up a protest camp yesterday close to where Israel wants to build a new settlement in the occupied West Bank, drawing attention to their struggle during a visit to the region by U.S. President Barack Obama.

More than 100 demonstrators erected four large, steel-framed tents and a massive Palestinian flag on the rugged, rocky tract near Jerusalem, just as Obama arrived in nearby Tel Aviv for three days of talks and meetings.

"We are here to send a message to President Obama: Our struggle, our nonviolent, peaceful resistance will continue until we are free," said senior Palestinian politician Mustafa Barghouthi, standing on the windy outcrop. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"We are here to send a message to President Obama: Our struggle, our nonviolent, peaceful resistance will continue until we are free." SENIOR PALESTINIAN POLITICIAN MUSTAFA BARGHOUTHI

Obama arrives in Israel, vows undying US support

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▶ Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Barack Obama reach out to shake hands.

Making his first official visit to Israel, U.S. President Barack Obama pledged yesterday enduring support for the Jewish State, where concern over a nuclear-armed Iran has clouded U.S.-Israeli relations.

He also stressed the need for Middle East peace at the start of a three-day trip, which is aimed at resetting strained relations with both the Israelis and Palestinians, but is not expected to provide new initiatives or substantial policy moves.

Descending from Air Force One in bright spring sunshine, Obama briefly embraced Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, with whom he has a notoriously testy relationship, before offering smiles and handshakes to waiting ministers.

"I see this visit as an opportunity to reaffirm the unbreakable bond between our nations, to restate America's unwavering commitment to Israel's security and to speak directly to the people of Israel and to your neighbors," Obama said at a red-carpet welcoming ceremony at the Tel Aviv airport.

Obama faces strong doubts among Israelis over his promise to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear bomb, as well as anxiety that the civil war in neighboring Syria might spill over the border, with Western powers reluctant to get involved. **REUTERS**

Atomic Iran

Obama said last week he believed Iran was more than a year away from developing an atomic weapon and is counseling nervous Israelis to show patience.

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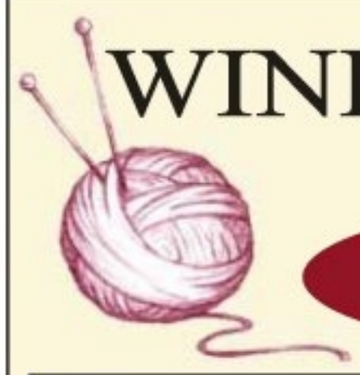

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Poll: Majority of US now supports benefits for same-sex couples

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▶ A new poll suggests a majority of Americans supports giving these two the same benefits afforded to heterosexual couples.

As the Supreme Court prepares to decide whether the federal government may deny benefits to same-sex married couples that it allows their heterosexual counterparts, Americans seem already to have made up their minds.

Fifty-five percent of those surveyed said married gay and lesbian couples should be able to qualify for Social Security survivor payments and other benefits provided to married heterosexual couples, according to Reuters/Ipsos polling of 2,886 people between March 5 and March 14.

Majority support for such benefits was seen across all regions of the United States, even in the traditionally more conservative South.

That widespread support emerges just before the Supreme Court takes up a pair of momentous gay rights cases next week, one testing whether the government may deny benefits to same-sex married couples without violating the Constitution's guarantee of equality. In the other case, the nine justices will review a California law that defines marriage as only between a man and a woman. A more extensive poll of 24,455 people found only a quarter of Americans opposed same-sex marriage or civil unions. **REUTERS**

69%

The Northeast was the region with the most support, at 69 percent, versus the South, with 57 percent supporting same-sex couple benefits.

The stakes are raised

Study: 1 in 50 kids has autism

As many as one in 50 U.S. school-age children have a diagnosis of autism, up from one in 86 in 2007, with much of the increase involving milder cases, suggesting the rise is linked to growing awareness and better testing methods, government researchers said. In line with previous estimates, boys in the research were four times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls, according to the study, which is based on American parent reports of autism diagnoses in 2011-12 compared with 2007. Autism can range from highly functioning individuals to those with severe speech and intellectual disabilities. In general, individuals struggle with difficulties in communication, behavior and social interaction. **REUTERS**

▶ It's food for thought.

Yahoos get to Jybing

▶ A sign of the times

Yahoo gets app — and ex-employees

Yahoo Inc. acquired a small mobile start-up company that was founded by former employees of the struggling Web portal two years ago. Yahoo did not disclose the price of its deal to acquire Jybe, which developed a mobile app that recommends movies, books and restaurants based on data contained in social networks. Yahoo said it would shut down the Jybe service, while five Jybe engineers and data scientists, all ex-Yahoo staffers, would focus on Yahoo's efforts to bolster its product lineup. Since Marissa Mayer became Yahoo's chief executive she has made several small, so-called acqui-hires. **REUTERS**

Lots of green stuff

Fla. medical pot campaign funded

Two top Democratic fundraisers in Florida have committed to providing the money and know-how to get the question of legalizing medical marijuana on the state ballot in 2014. "I'm prepared to keep raising money and writing checks until I get the signatures to put it on the ballot," attorney John Morgan said. Morgan, who routinely hosts presidents and national political figures at his Orlando-area home, recently signed on as chairman of People United for Medical Marijuana-Florida, a grassroots campaign that operated on a shoestring until now. The group lacked the money to wage a high-profile campaign and couldn't collect enough signatures to get the proposal on the ballot in November. **REUTERS**

▶ A new crop for Florida?

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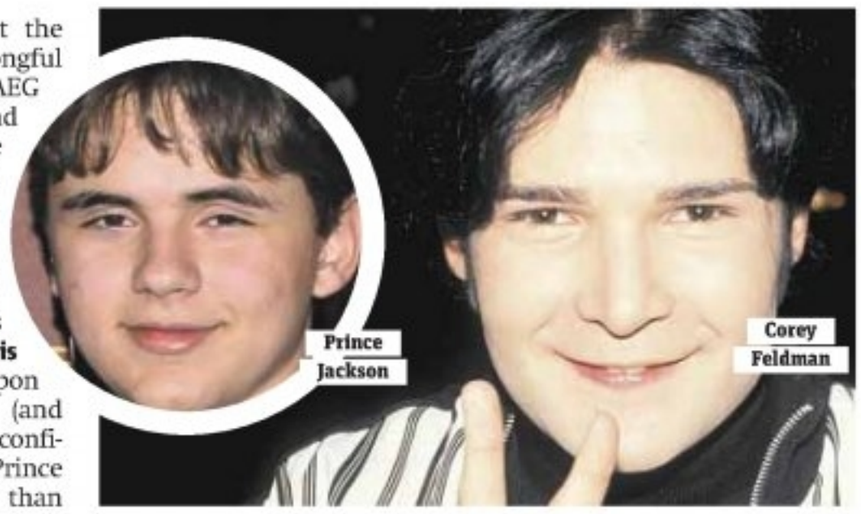
THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Is Corey Feldman moonlighting as a sperm donor?

Yesterday, I wrote about the **Jackson family**'s wrongful death lawsuit against AEG Live for $40 billion and how AEG wants to get the paternity of Jackson's children entered into court proceedings. The Jackson family are fighting this, calling into question who actually is the father of **Blanket**, **Paris** and **Prince Jackson**. And upon further reflection (and Googling), I am pretty confident that the father of Prince Jackson is none other than **Corey Feldman**. These pictures don't lie, friends.



And here's Lindsay Lohan's latest mug shot

Here is **Lindsay Lohan**'s latest mug shot, taken at the Santa Monica Police Station on March 19 in Santa Monica, Calif. Lindsay was ordered to turn herself in for booking after pleading no contest to the charge of reckless driving, providing false information to an officer and willfully resisting, obstructing or delaying an officer. Lindsay. Girlfriend. Brush your hair before your booking photo. Didn't your previous 400 arrests teach you anything?

Lohan

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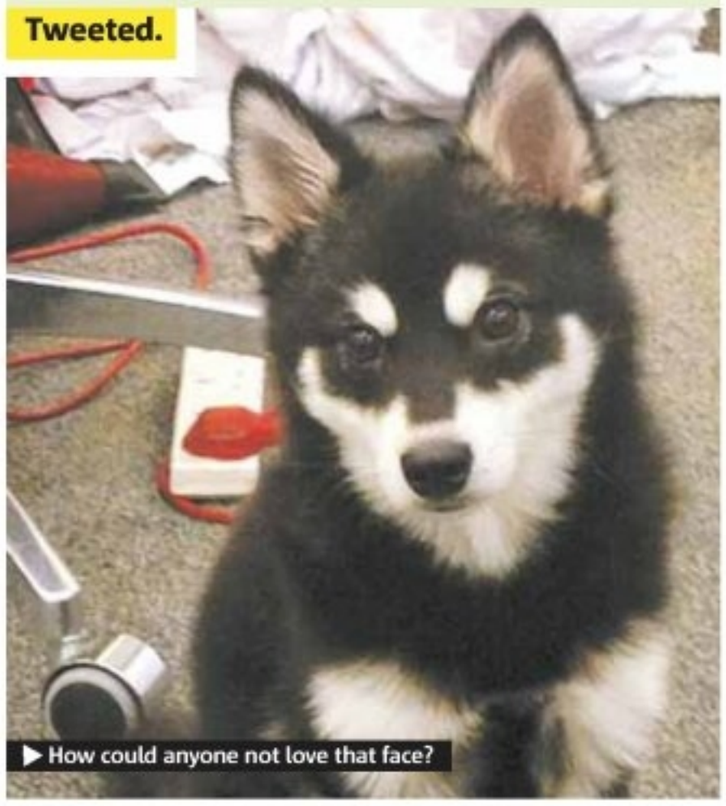

How could anyone not love that face?

'Kill that dog' says fan about adorable puppy

And this is why tweens are ridiculous: When One Direction member Liam Payne took to Twitter to introduce Loki, the adorable new puppy he and girlfriend Danielle Peazer share, he probably wasn't expecting fans to respond with death threats, but that's exactly what happened. The announcement of the puppy garnered responses along the lines of "I'll kill that dog" and "The dog is not going to see tomorrow if I can help it." One fan, at least, was willing to stand up for the pup, tweeting, "Just remember that Loki can't help who his owner is, so he doesn't deserve hate."

Talking points

Katy Perry and John Mayer split

It looks like the second time wasn't the charm for **Katy Perry** and **John Mayer**, as they have reportedly split up again, according to Us Weekly. "It's sad," a source tells the magazine, adding that there's apparently call for optimism, though. "It's not over until it's over. You have to see how things play out. She's leaving the window open. They have both been so focused on work." The pair broke up in August before rekindling their romance a month later.

Franco says criticism gets him down

James Franco has caught flak for the myriad film and art projects he's launched and academic degrees he's pursued, but he's not letting the haters get to him. "Criticism can sting, but not for long. At this point I've heard it all, good and bad. I can take anything," Franco tells Bullett magazine. "If anyone wants to say that my doing these things makes me a jerk, that's not about me — that's about people reacting to me. I don't need to be liked for anything I do. I put out a lot of different kinds of material, and maybe people read that as egotistical. Or maybe, since a lot of it does involve some aspect of me, they find it self-aggrandizing. But there's a long tradition of artists using themselves."

Pink says 'Cut it out, y'all'

Pink halted a recent Philly concert when she noticed a girl in the crowd crying, according to Us Weekly. "Is everything OK? Is this little girl all right? Why is she crying? Why is she upset?" asked Pink, who was informed by audience members that an altercation had upset the young girl. "Because there was a fight? You all are fighting around a little girl?" she asked. Pink then coaxed the girl onstage and gave her a treat: "Honey, do you want this frog and this Rice Krispie treat?" Before getting back to the music, she also had a message for the crowd: "Are we OK now? Cut it out, y'all. We're grown-ass women."

Pink

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

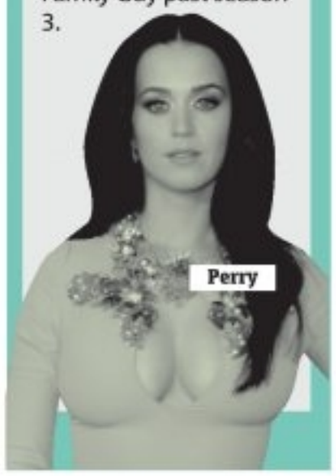
Today, Katy Perry is making up for lost time, Marlon Wayans isn't putting too much thought into things, Kristen Chenoweth feels betrayed by her food and Seth MacFarlane is gearing up to make a Western.

@katyperry: About to watch Wayne's World. For the first time...

@MARLONL WAYANS: You don't have to figure life out... It has its way of figuring itself out

@KChenoweth: Dear Chipotle sandwich, stop hurting my stomach!

@SethMacFarlane: In pre-production for A Million Ways To Die in the West. My horse hasn't kicked me yet, but he did say he hates Family Guy past season 3.


Perry

Flirt it up, Ms. Gomez

1: Selena Gomez flashed a smile on Tuesday while visiting "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" in New York City.

2: P. Diddy signed autographs for fans on Tuesday as Ciroc and Maxim celebrated the National Day of Honor in San Diego.

3: North Korean peacemaker **Dennis Rodman**, dressed the only way Dennis Rodman knows how, had a laugh at "The Jay Leno Show" on Tuesday.

5: Actress **Kristin Chenoweth** posed for photos on the red carpet for the Opening Night Gala at "The Bible Experience" on Tuesday in New York City.

6: Duchess of Cambridge **Kate Middleton** visited young children at the offices of Child Bereavement UK on Tuesday in Buckinghamshire.

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5: ILYA S. SAVENOK/GETTY IMAGES
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4 After a rough month, could the Biebs' thumbs up be a sign that he's taking it all in stride? The singer performed at the Palais Omnisports de Bercy in Paris on Tuesday.

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10 REASONS TO HIT THE MOVIES

Must-see

ANNAPURNA PICTURES

▶ These former tween stars are the leads in Harmony Korine's "Spring Breakers."

1 'Spring Breakers' Selena Gomez, Vanessa Hudgens and Ashley Bensen dirt up their good-girl reputations playing collegiates-turned-criminals in a T&A fest directed by Harmony Korine, whose last movie was "Trash Humpers." James Franco plays a gangster named Alien.

2 'Olympus Has Fallen' In this patriotic "'Die Hard' in the White House" action pic, the only man who can save the president (Aaron Eckhart) and thus America from North Korean terrorists is a Scotsman (Gerard Butler). It co-stars Melissa Leo.

3 'The Croods' Nicolas Cage's reported financial problems certainly have nothing to do with his vocal appearance in this animated film about prehistoric man we only now noticed that it features a story credit from John Cleese. How stoopid could it be?

4 'Admission' Tina Fey stars in a movie she didn't herself write, which worked out so well the last time it happened ("Baby Mama"). She plays an uptight alternative high school admissions officer who may or may not be undone by free-spirited Paul Rudd.

5 'Ginger & Rosa' Filmmaker Sally Potter ("Orlando," "Yes") returns with this calmed-down tale of adolescent female friendship, with young, talented Elle Fanning cast as Christina Hendricks' character's rebellious daughter.

6 'On the Road' Jack Kerouac's unfilmable novel finally gets filmed — featuring KStew! Sam Riley and Garrett Hedlund play Sal Paradise and Dean Moriarty, who speed around America, visiting an all-star cast. Everyone's ignoring this release, but it's better than it ever had to be.

7 'The Incredible Burt Wonderstone' The obscure underdog that opened the SXSW Film Festival stars someone named Steve Carell, up-and-comer Steve Buscemi and someone going by Jim Carrey as dueling magicians. It's just like "The Prestige," one would imagine.

8 'The Call' Oscar-winner Halle Berry, young Abigail Breslin, who is now 16, and Morris Chestnut star in a thriller about a 911 operator who fields a call from an abducted girl. Brad Anderson ("The Machinist") directs.

9 'Like Someone in Love' Iranian filmmaker Abbas Kiarostami ("Certified Copy") travels to Tokyo to make this mordant portrait of miscommunication amongst a cell phone-addicted prostitute, her elderly john and her oblivious fiance.

10 'West of Memphis' If you don't have seven hours to spare to watch Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky's three "Paradise Lost" docs — on the now-freed West Memphis Three — you can do it in less than three hours with this summary doc, which also "co-stars" producer Peter Jackson. MATT PRIGGE

TV watch list

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▶ "Grey's Anatomy"

'Grey's Anatomy'

DRAMA. When we first met our favorite Seattle Grace doctors back in 2005, many of them were mere interns. Now they're coming to terms with the idea that they co-own the hospital. Oh, the self-doubt that will ensue! The pressure! The tension! The melodramatic voice-overs!
9 p.m., ABC

'The American Bible Challenge'

GAME SHOW. If you're one of the people who thinks the devil in the History Channel miniseries actually did look like President Obama, then you may be the target audience for this Jeff Foxworthy-hosted show, which is back for Season 2 tonight.
Season premiere, 9 p.m., Game Show Network

'Scandal'

DRAMA. "House" star Lisa Edelstein stops by to guest as a CEO who had an illicit affair with a Supreme Court nominee.
10 p.m., ABC MATTHEW JACOBS

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A blockhead grows up

Happy Medium Theatre delivers a heartfelt 'Dog Sees God' If these troubled teens seem familiar, it's not just your imagination playing tricks

The heartbreak and hilarity of teen angst are excruciatingly authentic in Happy Medium Theatre's delightful production of "Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead."

Everyone will find at least one awkward teen to relate to since they run the gamut from bully to bullied, popular to outcast and sober (sort of) to stoner. The teens will also warm the hearts of anyone who's ever enjoyed the comic strip Peanuts, as this is their story.

Since it's an unauthorized parody, the names have been changed but it's pretty easy to figure out who's who as "CB" and company frequently reference their past.

You might be surprised to find out who the coolest kid in high school is, but his A-list status doesn't last for long. This lovable one-time loser falls apart when his dog dies and he's forced to turn to his long-lost pen pal for help in figuring out the meaning of life.

The gang's road to enlightenment involves sex, drugs, drinking, religion, sexuality, a mental hospital, violence and, sadly, death. It's difficult to watch these childhood characters grapple with the lost innocence of late adolescence, but even they're not immune to today's social problems.

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After each show

The cast collects donations to support the It Gets Better Project, an organization that helps LGBT youth cope with the challenges of their teen years by offering hope for their future.

▶ The cast of Happy Medium Theatre's "Dog Sees God."

Laughter abounds as the tremendously talented ensemble of actors perfectly captures the magic of lifelong friends. They're simultaneously hilarious, heartwarming and tragic. The depth and dimension they've found in their respective characters is amazing.

Sure they've been beaten down by life, but hope arrives in the form of a special tribute to CS. You'll have to figure out who that is on your own.

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We make so many romantic decisions in the name of "not getting hurt," as if we're dainty pieces of china that can't be put back together. God forbid we break a little. This fear controls us, and we let it push us around.

Some people close themselves off completely, pretending they "don't need a relationship," and settle just for sex. There are also the ones who sabotage potential relationships before they can get off the ground, thinking: "I'm going to hurt you before you get the chance to hurt me." And, of course, many of us fear putting our feelings on the table because of what could happen if they are not returned. (We could get hurt! Ahh!)

The problem with living this way is that we're missing out. No one reaches his or her full potential living in fear.

"No one reaches his or her full potential living in fear. That's just as true in romantic relationships as it is in the rest of our lives."

That's just as true in romantic relationships as it is in the rest of our lives.

Why is getting hurt romantically so scary? Is it actually something worth guarding ourselves against at all costs?

I would argue no — for the simple reason that getting hurt is temporary. Much of our fear of heartbreak is attached to the notion that we'll never be the same after it happens. We fear that we'll be in the eating-ice-cream-in-pajamas stage indefinitely. But that's simply not the case. We can't stay heartbroken forever. Sure, there may be pangs here and there, but in the end you turn out OK. In that sense, there's something empowering about getting hurt. It's a test of our strength, and it lets us know we can win against our fear.

You're not the delicate flower you think you are. I'd never wish a broken heart on anyone — but if it happens, know it will heal eventually. It could be rough for a bit, but a few rough months certainly beat a lifetime of unfulfilling relationships.

*— **Amber Madison** is a Manhattan-based relationship expert and dating coach. She is the author of "Are All Guys Assholes?" for which she traveled the country, spoke to over 1,000 men and discovered that the answer to this question is no. You can follow her on Twitter @ambermadi or online at www.ambermadisononline.com*

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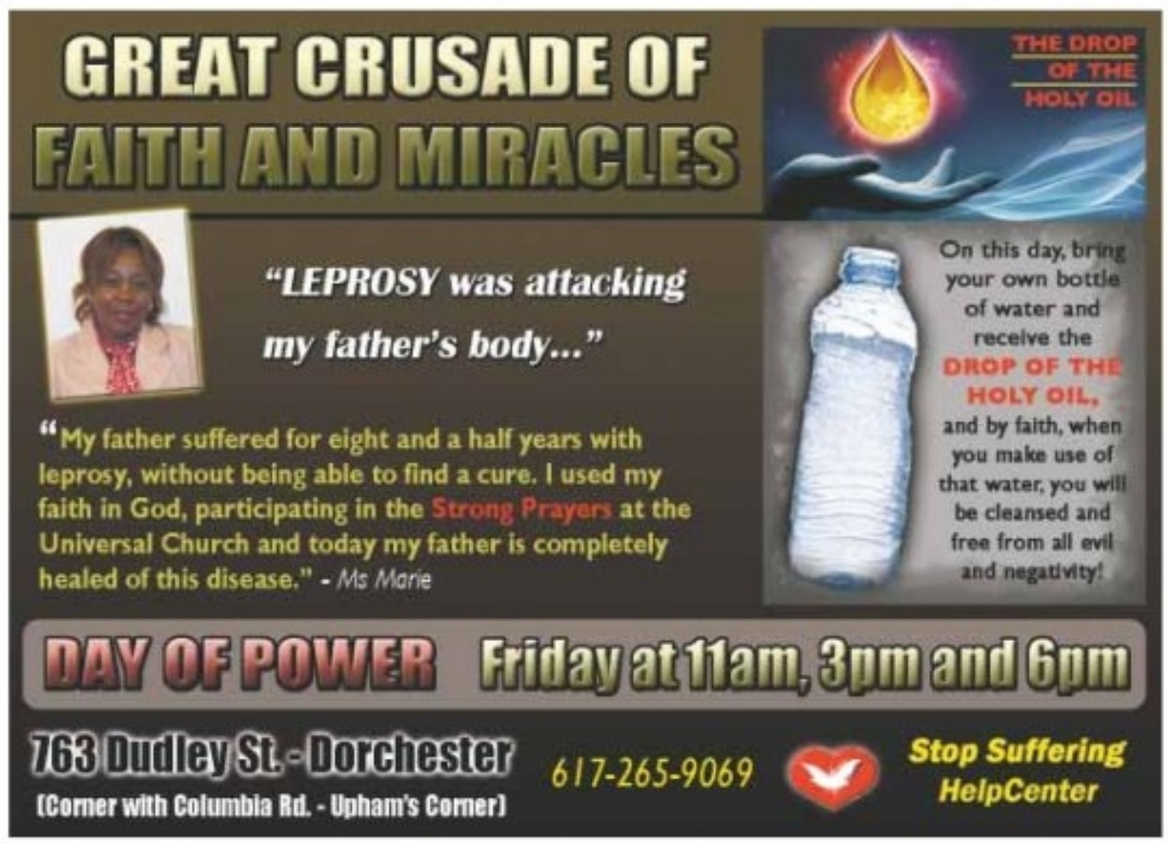
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There are plenty of stages in the city, but the subway is not one of them

I have grown very tired of sitting on the subway and being forced to listen to "entertainers" loudly play accordions, trumpets and every other type of instrument. Then there are the annoying teenage break dancers/"acrobats" that swing millimeters from your face from the subway bars. It is illegal for a good reason. A subway car is a confined space, much too small and ill-equipped for blasting radios and performing dance routines.

Some people have psychiatric and medical conditions that are aggravated by this nonsense. Also, most of these "performers" are just plain awful! It simply is not entertaining but ANNOYING!

JAMIE CONNOR, VIA E-MAIL

"As long as the folks sitting right next to each other insist on blaring their complaints about their bosses, spouses, kids and sports teams loud enough for the entire train to hear, I'm going to turn up the volume to drown their relentless droning out."

DENNIS FLYNN, VIA E-MAIL; RE: "LOUD IPODS CREATE BITTER, NOT SWEET, SYMPHONY" (METRO, MARCH 20)

When times get tough, Obama gets golfing

RE: "SOMEONE'S POUTING, BUT IT'S NOT OBAMA" (METRO, MARCH 19) It seems some of your readers have been misguided into blaming Congress on the lack of a budget in Washington. President Obama has been late four out of the last five years submitting a budget on time. When he does submit a budget, it is nothing but excessive spending. Our government is intentionally designed this way. It is referred to as a checks and balances system. Since Obama has taken office, each American's share of the national debt has ballooned from $28,000 to almost $52,000. That means everyone in your household: man, woman and CHILD currently owes $52,000. So you see, Congress is looking out for our children and their children and each of you should be as well. As far as White House tours, the White House belongs to the taxpayers, the Obamas are merely guests in our house and it should not be closed. There have been several news commentators who have sent letters to the White House offering to pay the $75,000 a week to keep the White House open and the administration has not replied. The amount of money spent for President Obama to fly to Florida to golf with Tiger Woods was enough to keep the White House open for two months — once again, it's not an income problem but rather a spending problem. Explain those presidential priorities to the children who did not get to tour the White House.

JOEY WHITMOYER, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Usually you can maintain an upbeat attitude, but it might take everything in your power not to let a sour temperament take over.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** When around people who have something worthwhile to say, you should do more listening than talking. You'll find much useful information that will come in handy down the line.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Focus your efforts on endeavors that could contribute to your financial well-being. Two unrelated opportunities that might come your way — seize both of them.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** One of your greatest assets is the ability to take control of a situation and wrest something valuable from it, and you'll get a chance to do this today. You'll know how to delegate effectively.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Your goals can best be achieved by operating in a manner that doesn't generate much attention. Quietly do your own thing while letting others do theirs.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** One of the major reasons behind the current spike in your popularity is your genuine concern for others. Sincerity builds strong bonds of friendship.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you're too wishy-washy to make your own decisions, your colleagues will happily make them for you. Unfortunately, you might not appreciate the results

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A lesson you've learned from painful past experience will be wisely utilized. You aren't very likely to repeat a mistake that you once made in a similar situation.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Your instincts are likely to be a shade sharper than usual when it comes to important personal matters. You'll heed your hunches and use them effectively.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Diplomacy and tact are your two greatest assets, especially regarding your friendships. Situations that normally could be a bit testy won't get a chance to go south.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Any assignment that requires your immediate attention should be given top priority. You're won't have any peace of mind if you ignore important mattes that need tending to.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You won't need to be around a ton of people to have a good time. In fact, hanging out with a few special friends could produce all the fun you need.

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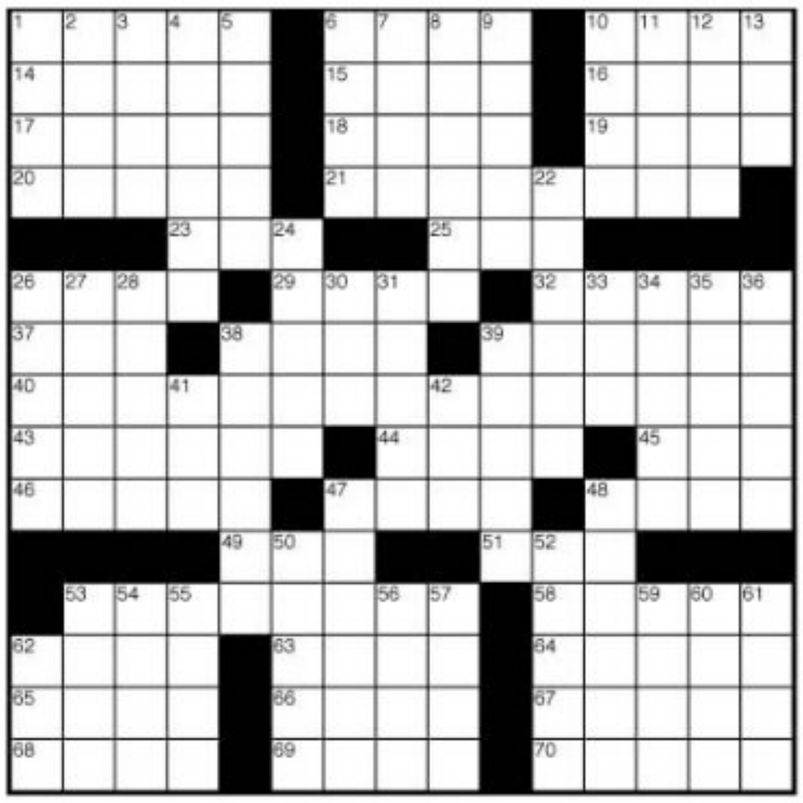

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Do not fear the Blue Dragon

New restaurant from Ming Tsai is more like a hidden find than a celebrity chef's next big thing
But don't expect it to stay hidden

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When I first heard about the new restaurant in Fort Point from chef Ming Tsai, of Blue Ginger in Wellesley, and various TV shows, my reaction wasn't great.

"Oh, wow, another super-sized tourist attraction like all the other ones opening up over in that part of town."

I was very wrong. In fact, the space, taking over for the long time A Street diner, is the exact opposite. Removed from the action on the streets above, the space is tucked away on an urban picturesque lane, albeit one under development. It feels less like a celebrity chef's next big thing, and more like a hidden find.

Of course, because of Tsai's reputation, it already has been found, and it's bustling on any given night at the long bar that follows the curving shape of the room on toward the open kitchen. Nearby the long wooden communal high tops are filled with diners. The decor is a mix of rough iron, wood and even water streaming down the sides of one wall.

Speaking of streaming liquids, the focus here so far is on the food, but the bar program recently taken on by John Drew, presents a pleasant mix of tiki-inspiration, and more spirt-forward recipes that Drew, no doubt, honed from his time at Eastern Standard, with encouraging spirit use in evidence — Falernum, Bendictine, Cherry Heering, mezcal, etc.

Among the ones worth trying are the Haumea, made with Lemon Hart 151 rum, Yellow Chartreuse, lime and grapefruit juice, Peychaud's bitters, cinnamon and Cava. I wanted to try it just to see how all the various parts actually fit together, and it worked well. It's mostly dry, with a tart citrus profile, and would be a refreshing accompaniment to many of the dishes. Cinnamon and grapefruit show up again in the Bangkok Sunrise, with Chamucos Reposado tequila, honey, Aperol, and a Chichicapa Mezcal rinse. It's an interesting push and pull of honey sugar and the drying citrus; the mezcal smoke is light.

What he's having

Drew plans to roll out a more complex tiki-based cocktail menu once the bar has had a few weeks under its belt.

In the meantime, he's experimenting with cocktails like the Kafir Club, his current recommendation. It's made with kafir lime syrup, a black pepper infused gin, lime juice and Angostura bitters.

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RICHARD THOMPSON'S 'ELECTRIC' URGENCY

The British singer/songwriter on seeing things in a more finite way, 'without wallowing in it' Why his catalogue is like a photo album

British singer/songwriter Richard Thompson has drawn countless vivid characters over the course of a career, which has lasted more than 45 years. The cast of his latest, "Electric," is as colorful as ever, though Thompson's longevity is reflected in the fact that so many of them are looking back from an end point — whether the end of a relationship, the end of life or simply the end of their ropes.

"As you reach your sixth or seventh decade, you start to see things in a more finite way," Thompson says. "Without being nostalgic or wallowing in it, the past becomes important to you. You're aware of your mortality and of time being short, so there's a kind of urgency that creeps into what you do."

That urgency comes through the stripped-down sound of "Electric." Thompson pared his band down to a basic trio and recorded the album at the home of producer and guitarist Buddy Miller. He's now taking the trio on the road, a prospect that he says is both freeing and daunting.

"If you're playing live as a trio, there's nowhere to hide. It's a challenge, but it's very rewarding."

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PAMELA LITTKY

The past has become important to Richard Thompson, who plays the Orpheum on Saturday.

'Between reality and fiction'

Since his trio is sharing the bill with Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell, there's the enticing prospect that some of the greatest voices in British and American roots music will share the stage. For his own set, Thompson will strive to balance material from the new album with selections and surprises from past decades. While the subjects of his latest songs are looking back, his own catalogue offers Thompson the aural equivalent of a photo album.

"Some of them are absolutely me, without much disguise," he says of his characters. "But there's something of the writer in any fictional character — even the more unpleasant ones. There's a very gray area between reality and fiction."

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"There's a very gray area between reality and fiction."
THOMPSON

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There are certain things in life we need to have no matter what, like the latest Justin Timberlake album.

As fantasy baseball drafts get into full swing, we can't be afraid to splurge for the guys we want. Last year, **Andrew McCutchen** was a buzz guy who was thrown out by some as being "overdrafted." Big mistake. This year, these are the guys worth circling with a green highlighter and reaching for.

The Natural

Bryce Harper was never a sleeper. He was the best 19-year-old in the history of baseball and will likely be the best 20-year-old ever as well. At this point, it's just a contest to see how high we're willing to take him. Considering Harper projects to see his homers and steals rise toward the 30/30 level as he matures, the end of the first round is not crazy. He'll be batting third, between **Jayson Werth** and **Ryan Zimmerman**.

Chapped up

When guys have dominant talent, we take them and let the chips fall where they may. **Aroldis Chapman** is a perfect example of this. He might start, he might close, he might be capped at 200 innings. But no matter what, we know he's going to be an asset in fantasy.

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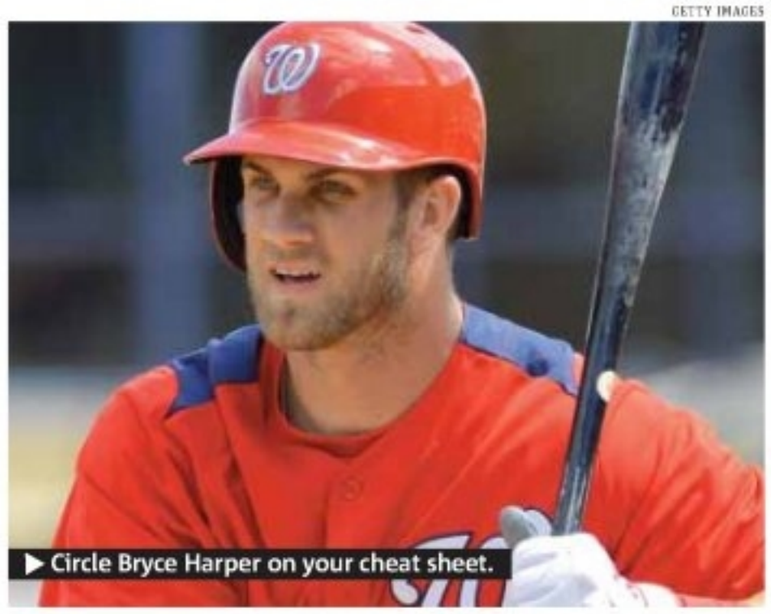


▶ Circle Bryce Harper on your cheat sheet.

Golden Boy

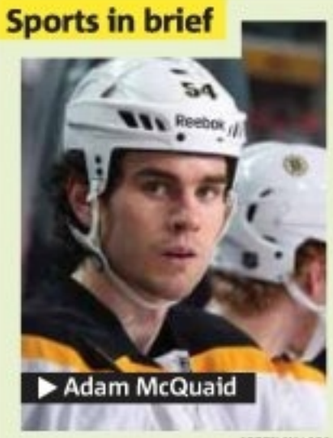
Paul Goldschmidt burst onto the scene last year with 20 homers in 136 starts. That's child's play. In 2011, Goldy smashed 30 jacks in just 457 plate appearances while playing in Double-A. Now settling into an everyday role, the power upside is huge.

NFL news

Amended slot

Danny Amendola is four years younger than Wes Welker, two inches taller and is capable of playing outside. Along with Aaron Hernandez, he'll be a fantasy monster.

Sports in brief



▶ Adam McQuaid

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Bruins' McQuaid out 3-4 weeks

Bruins defenseman Adam McQuaid will be on the shelf for three to four weeks with a left-shoulder strain, the team announced. MATT BURKE

LeBron disses Celtics' Terry

LeBron James' thunderous dunk over Jason Terry on Monday night was an all-timer, and James isn't about to apologize for making Terry look weak.

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The Hub's college hoops king

Harvard becoming a basketball dynasty in Ivy League Even in 'down year,' Crimson make tourney

Not long after a cheating scandal took away his co-captains last fall, Harvard men's basketball coach Tommy Amaker uttered these words: "We believe in our system, our philosophy and our approach."

Essentially, losing his leading scorer and starting point guard in Kyle Casey and Brandyn Curry, respectively, only meant that the components had changed. The formula remained the same. And by reaching the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season, Amaker's belief in that formula has been validated.

Of course, so much of the credit goes to the players who bought into the system, philosophy and approach. Amaker stressed in that early-season meeting with reporters that the scandal, in a way, provided an opportunity for "exceptional growth or surprises" and "neat stories."

"Maybe this is another one that's in our favor," he said.

Among those surprises and neat stories is Wesley Saunders, a swingman who was a bit player on last season's team and emerged, without Casey in the way, to become the top scorer in the Ivy League. One glimpse at a Harvard game, and it's easy to see why — Casey just moves in a different manner from the rest, almost like a seasoned pro trapped in the body of college sophomore.

Another neat story developed when Siyani Chambers, a freshman given an opportunity without Curry in the way, became a revelation as the Crimson's new point guard. Amaker had his eye on Chambers from when the player was in eighth grade, but not everyone knew their union would yield such immediate success. Chambers ranks second on the team to Saunders in scoring and led the league in assists.

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▶ Siyani Chambers and the Crimson will look to upset New Mexico tonight at 9:50 p.m. (TNT).

Chambers not only joined Saunders as an Ivy League first-teamer, but also won the league's defensive player of the year honors, remarkable achievements for a kid who figured to learn from Curry for a season.

"With the youth of our team, the way these guys have responded — accepting different roles, stepping forward, young guys stepping in," Amaker said Sunday after learning that his team would meet New Mexico tonight in the second round. "You can't say enough about what this team has done for this season."

Make no mistake, Saunders and Chambers were eyed by others. Amaker has a reputation as a top recruiter, even at a school like Harvard. But what happened with them, and their teammates, in 2012-13 goes beyond Amaker's ability to sign talent. The players have to buy in, accept their roles, play hard and keep their noses clean. With that, success can come, and tonight offers up a chance for Amaker's formula to do something special. Wouldn't that be a neat story?

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Thursday night showdown

Storylines to watch tonight as Harvard takes on New Mexico (9:50 p.m., TNT):

- **Chambers good to go** Siyani Chambers ended the regular season with a flourish, scoring 16 points in both of Harvard's must-win games.
- **Youth vs. experience** The Lobos rely almost exclusively on upperclassmen, many of whom were involved in New Mexico's opening-round win in the 2012 tourney.
- **Tommy Amaker vs. Steve Alford** The coaches have a history, as they met as players in the Sweet 16 in 1987 when Amaker's Duke Blue Devils fell to Alford's Indiana Hoosiers. Amaker scored a game-high 23 points in that meeting.

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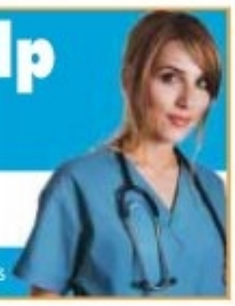

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Priscilla Mordessa of Dorchester, MA 3/15/2013. Retiree of HUD/ Fed. Gov't. Beloved daughter of James Good and Kathryn Harris (deceased). Loving mother of Martha, Gloria, and Relisha Branch, and James and Leon Reed. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday March 23, 2013 at JB Johnson Funeral Home 196 Warren St Roxbury, MA. Viewing at 10am services at 11am. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery Boston, MA.

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